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North Texas Clean Air Coalition Unveils Inaugural List of North Texas Best Workplaces for CommutersSM

Program recognizes 32 companies' efforts to improve air quality, traffic congestion

(DALLAS-FORT WORTH) – The North Texas Clean Air Coalition today named 32 Metroplex-area employers to its first annual **North Texas Best Workplaces for CommutersSM** List.

Together these organizations offer superior commuter benefits to more than 46,000 employees.

Those named to the list met a National Standard of Excellence established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which started the **Best Workplaces for CommutersSM** initiative two years ago. Recognized organizations include Bank of America, City of Fort Worth, Mary Kay, Medical City Dallas Hospital, Raytheon and Texas Instruments.

"Air quality is a major concern in North Texas, and we think it's important to be part of the solution," said Haily Summerford, Public Education Specialist with the City of Fort Worth. "By providing commuter benefits, we're leading many employees to switch from drive-alone commuting to options that help relieve traffic, air pollution and stress."

Eligibility for the list requires specific employer-provided benefits and services:

- At least one primary commuter benefit, such as monthly transit/vanpool passes or a significant telecommuting program;
- At least three supporting commuter benefits, such as carpool/vanpool incentives lockers/showers for bikers or walkers, compressed or flexible work schedules, or on-site daycare; and
- A designated point of contact who actively informs employees about the availability of commuter benefits.

Three North Texas companies – Hewlett-Packard, IBM and Texas Instruments – far surpassed these requirements and were also recognized among the Top 20 employers on the EPA's first annual list of **Best Workplaces for CommutersSM** from FORTUNE 500 Companies.

"We're pleased area employers had such a strong interest in the first North Texas Best Workplaces for Commuters list and had a prominent showing on EPA's national list," said Dominic Lampe, chairman of the North Texas Clean Air Coalition. "We hope this kind of recognition inspires more organizations to offer commuter benefits and more employees to request them."

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“These companies are showing their commitment to improving the quality of life in their communities. I salute their leadership, dedication and far-sightedness in emphasizing environmentally friendly business practices,” EPA Regional Administrator Richard E. Greene said.

About North Texas Best Workplaces for CommutersSM

North Texas Best Workplaces for CommutersSM is a free and voluntary program recognizing employers that offer superior commuter benefits to their employees. Employers are honored for their leadership in easing the pollution and stress caused by so many vehicles on North Texas roadways.

It's a win-win for everyone: employers earn prestige from being recognized as one of the best; employees enjoy more options in balancing their personal and work life; and communities benefit from reduced traffic congestion and cleaner air. For the complete **North Texas Best Workplaces for CommutersSM** List, visit www.northtexasair.org

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The NTCAC was formed in 1993 to educate North Texans about air quality and encourage individuals to “do their share for cleaner air.” Members of the NTCAC include the North Central Texas Council of Governments, North Texas Commission, Greater Dallas Chamber, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), The Fort Worth Transportation Authority (the T), and numerous individuals and businesses.

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